

Page County Department of Environmental Services

Take Pride in Page County Week April 11-18, 2005

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The daffodils are blooming, the temperatures are warming and the trash is glinting in the sun on the sides of the roads in Page County.

Once again, it is time for everyone to pitch in and clean up the roadside garbage which destroys the beauty of the valley.

The 4th Annual Take Pride in Page County Week is scheduled for April 11-18, 2005 and this year we have more prize money offered for the litter competition than ever before.

Holtzman Oil/Propane is sponsoring the event with the \$200 grand prize in gift certificates. IBR has offered \$100 in cash to the first place winner, the White Fence Bed & Breakfast and the Milton House have teamed up to offer \$75 to the second place winner, Luray Caverns is rewarding the third place team, the Art Warehouse has offered a \$25 gift certificate and Wal-Mart has donated two \$25 gift certificates.

The litter competition is open to any individual or group who picks up the most bags of roadside litter. The Virginia Department of Transportation is supplying orange trash bags and safety vest to all participants.

This year, Take Pride in Page County Week is encouraging recycling by urging citizens to gather aluminum cans separately from other litter. A large container will be located at Marathon Millwork in Luray. All proceeds from the aluminum cans will support the Hawksbill

Skatepark. Litter competition teams can send scouts ahead or behind the rest of the group to gather aluminum separately.

In addition to cleaning up Page County roads, recycling and supporting the Skatepark, the pull tabs will be gathered off the cans which will be saved for Supervisor Fischer-Strickler who donates them to the National Kidney Foundation for dialysis patients who receive minutes for the number of tabs collected.

To make this year's event even more fun, "Diggin' for Dollars" rewards participants: along Page County roads, \$100 in one and five dollar coupons are hidden in Ziplock bags. Lucky finders can bring the coupons to the Department of Environmental Services to redeem their prizes.

Take Pride In Page County Week depends on everyone to be successful and this year, local businesses are rewarding those who participate. For more info, call 743-4808.



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Page County Watershed Dialogue

On March 4-5, 2005 a group of farmers, citizens, local government, and various agencies met to discuss local water quality issues.

The meeting, held at the Mimslyn Inn in Luray, marked the first time such a diverse group has come together to discuss land use and water issues. The goal was to lay the groundwork for a watershed management plan.

The event was sponsored by the National Park Service, the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Institute for Environmental Negotiation, the Page County Water Quality Advisory Committee and the Department of Environmental Services.

Page County was chosen by the sponsoring agencies as a representative of a rural community which has ... (continued on page 4)